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First base

In this issue we publish the first colour pictures ever taken by men on the surface of the Moon

Slow, slow, quick quick, slow

July 20, 1969 – and printed on the Moon's surface are the footsteps of Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin – cautious at first, then bounding in triumph. It took 300,000 technicians, eight years and 24,000 million dollars to put them there. What began as a piece of political one-upmanship ended as the most publicised cliffhanger in human history. Six hundred million people watched the drama unfold on their TV screens; a further six hundred million – in China – have yet to hear about it